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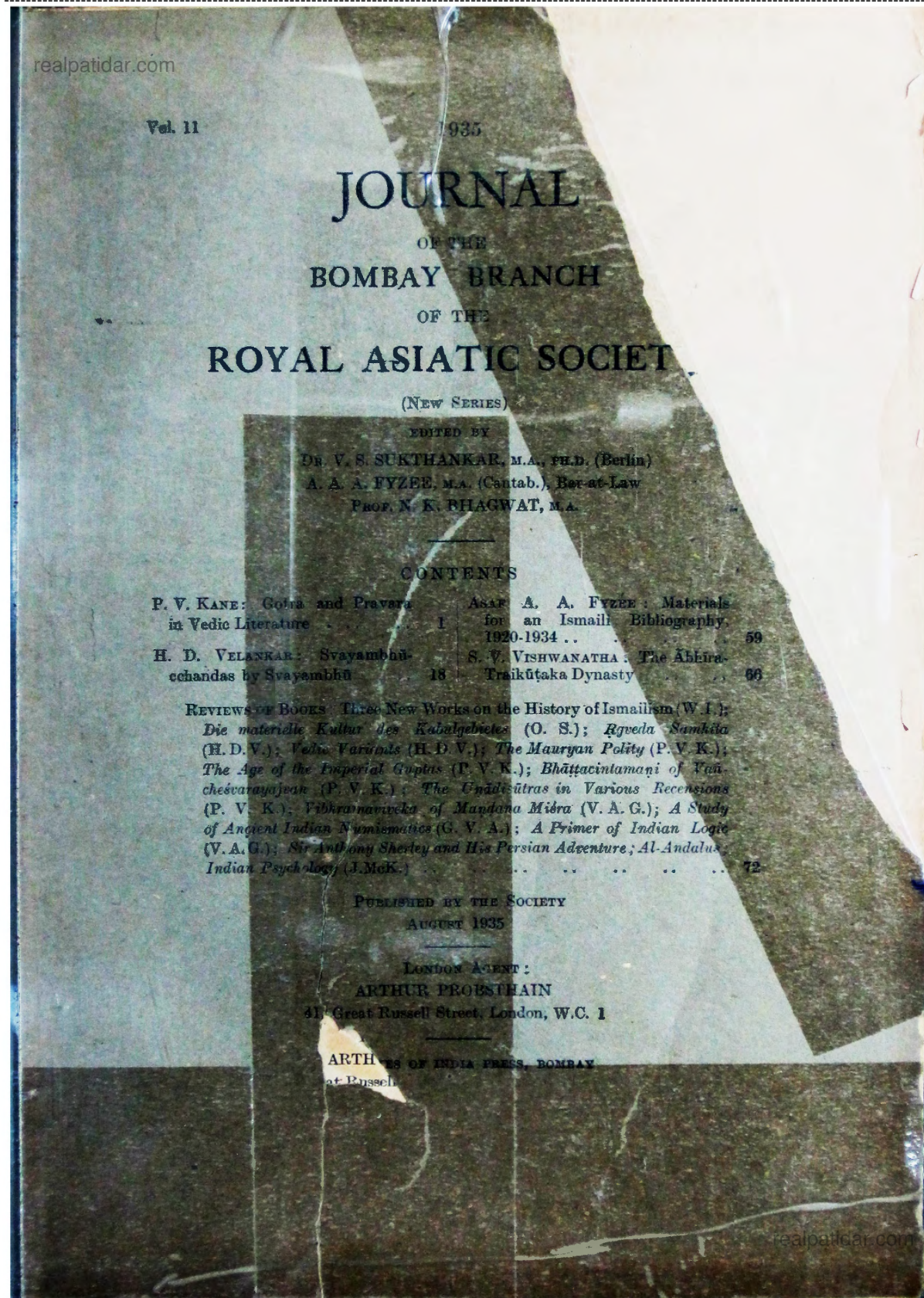
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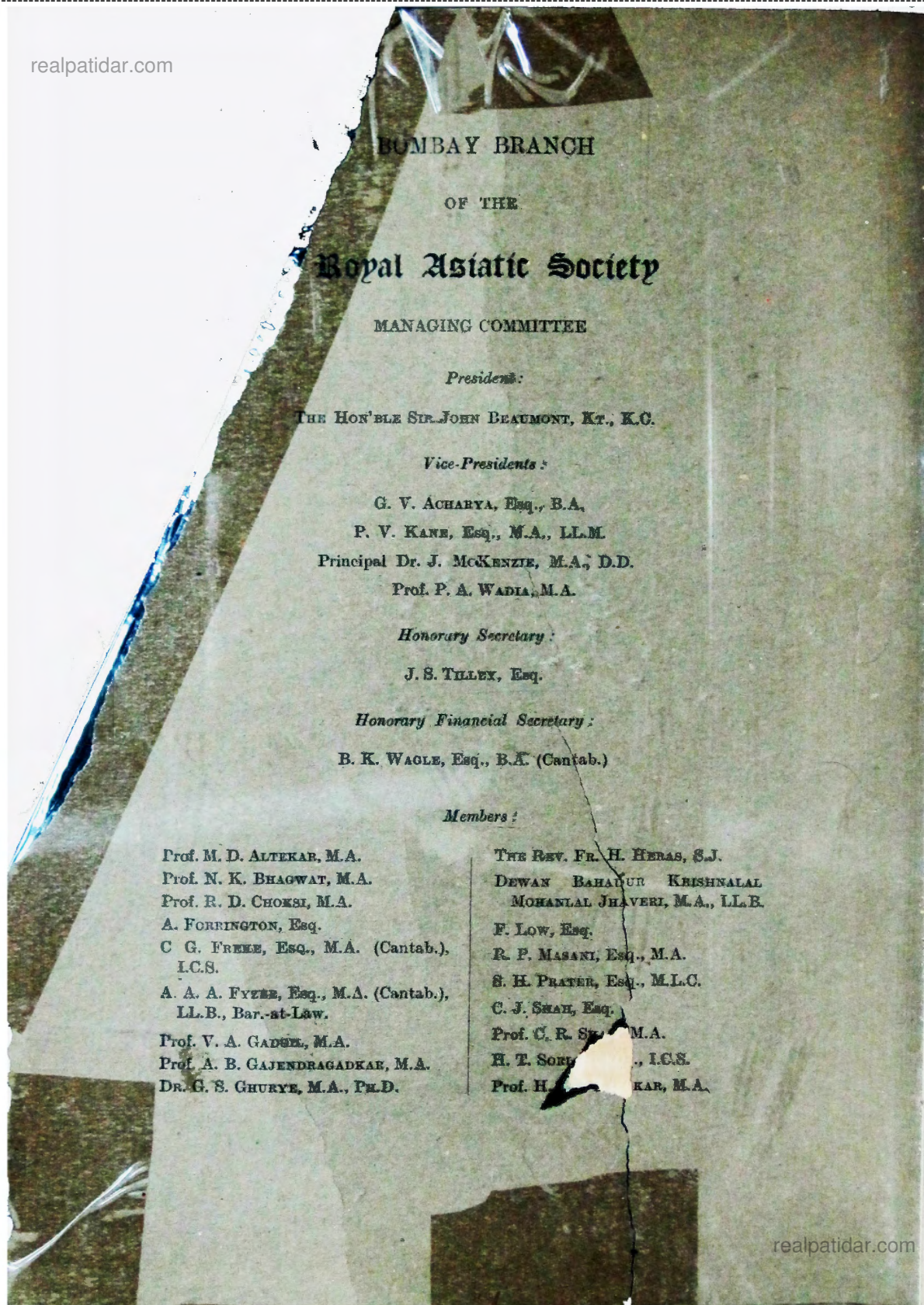


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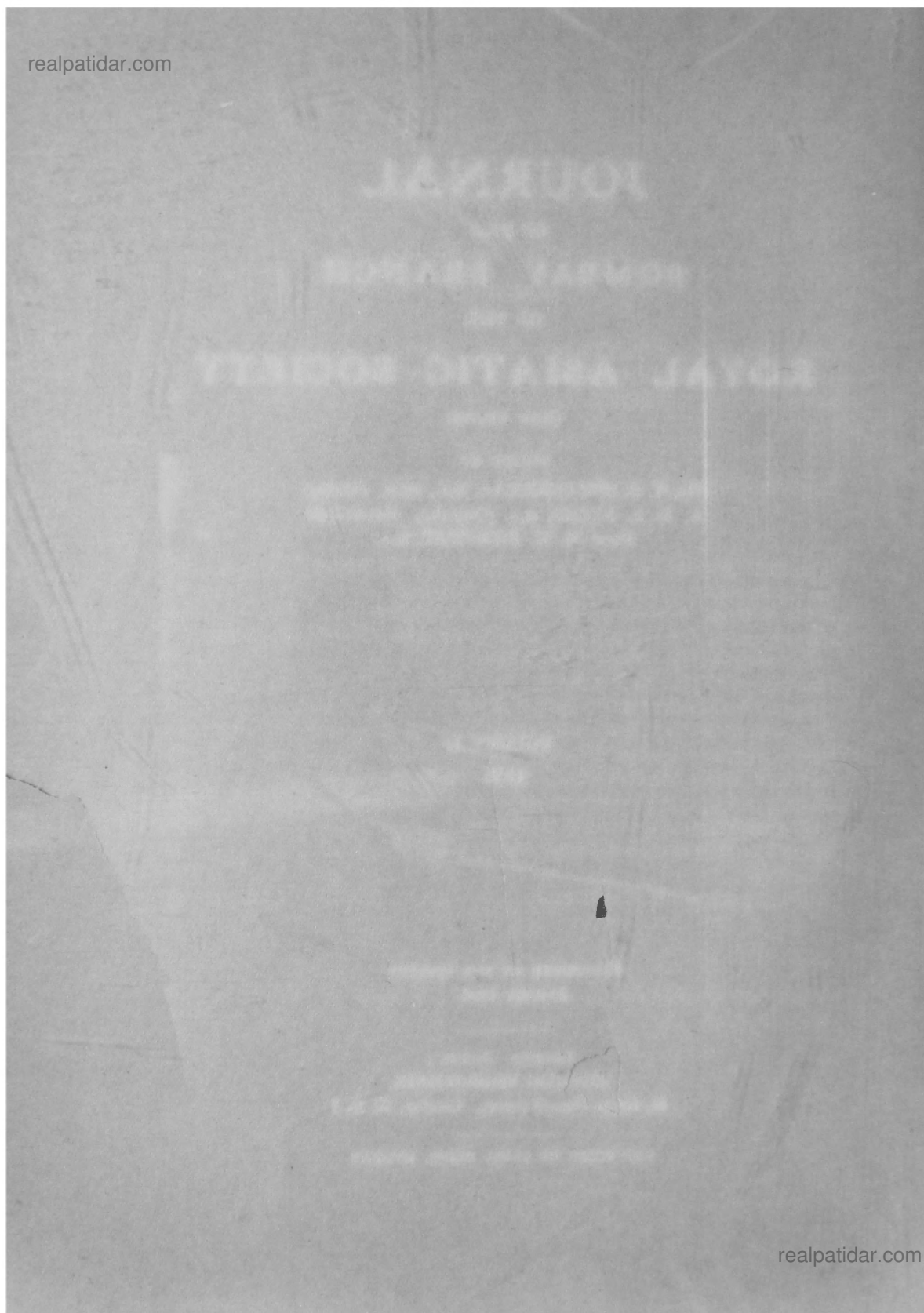
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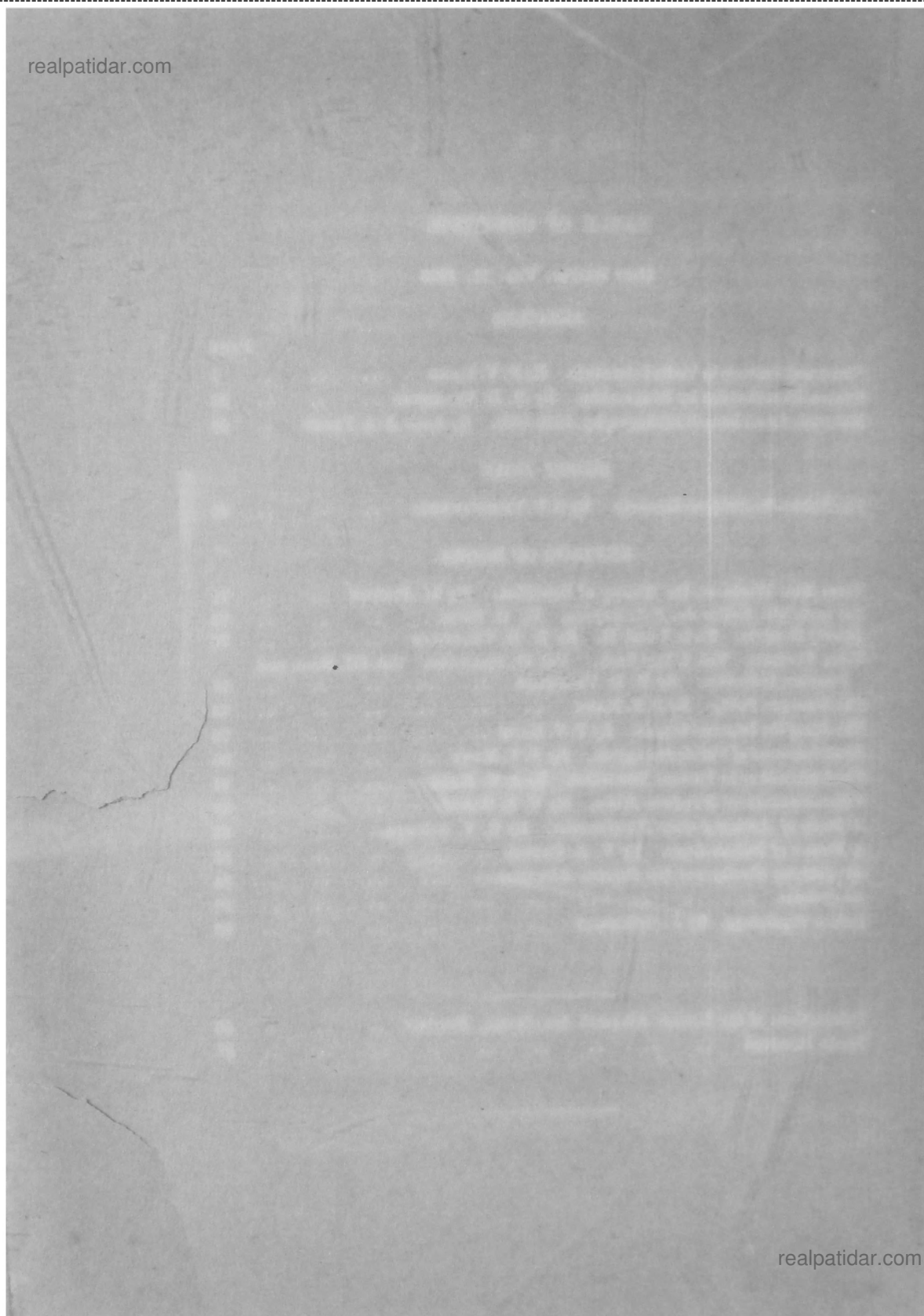
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MATERIALS FOR AN ISMAILI BIBLIOGRAPHY :

1920-1934

By ASAF A. A. FYZEE

Last year while writing a paper of a popular character on "The Progress of Ismailitic Studies during the last fifteen Years,"¹ I conceived the idea of preparing a bibliography of all works on Ismailism which have appeared during the last 15 years. The need for this is twofold. In the first place, no classified bibliography of Ismailism has appeared so far. For Massignon's "Esquisse,"² as he himself realizes more than any one else, was only tentative. It could not, in the then state of our knowledge of this very interesting sect, be anything else. In the next, since 1920 the materials at our disposal for the study of Ismailism in all its phases have increased greatly. Although not a hundredth part of the true glory of Ismaili sciences, *ḥaqā'iq* (esoteric philosophy), *ta'wīl* (allegorical interpretation of the Qur'ān and *ḥadīth*), *'aqā'id*, *fiqh*, and the other forms of writing such as *risālas*, *sīras*, *majālis*, have been studied, still the vista that has in the last few years been opened by Ismaili scholars presents a fascinating spectacle.

The time has therefore come when stock may be taken of what has been accomplished and what remains to be done. For this surely nothing is of greater utility than a proper bibliography. The preparation of such a complete and classified bibliography, having regard to the conditions in Bombay, is almost an impossibility. We possess no complete collection of works published in the East relating to Ismailism, much less all the European work on the subject.

This therefore is an attempt to pave the way for a more or less exhaustive bibliography which we hope to see before the passing of our generation. Every attempt to make the list as complete and exhaustive as possible has been made; and in this connection it is a pleasure to acknowledge the kindness of my friend, W. Ivanow, who has been good enough to help me in particular with

¹ *The Ismaili* (Bombay), Birthday No., 31 January 1935, p. 8-10.

² See No. 6 below.

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the Russian titles. Nevertheless, it is necessary clearly to say in what directions the bibliography remains incomplete, or at any rate, subject to doubt. First, the work of all esoteric sects is difficult of access. The difficulties are so peculiar and sometimes so amusing that it may of itself be the subject of a very entertaining paper. Second, oriental research in the various European languages has increased to such an extent, that one may well despair of collecting even the titles of all the works published. The late Professor Browne used to complain bitterly that scholarly work in the different European languages had reached such proportions, that it was desirable to go back to Latin for embodying the results of research. When that was the opinion of a versatile linguist working in Cambridge, what would be the position of an ordinary Indian working in Bombay? The languages that were once supposed to be necessary, as well as enough, were English, French and German. But now Russian, Italian and Spanish have also acquired great importance. Many scholars have enriched their own tongues by scholarly researches; probably good work has been done in Dutch, Polish and Hungarian, and how is one to get in touch with it? Third and last, much valuable information is entombed in the Indian Blue Books, census reports, ethnological surveys, special monographs, provincial gazetteers, manuals of local customs, and the like, familiarity with which is much to be desired, but difficult of achievement.

It is to be hoped that readers of these pages, who are interested in the subject, will be good enough to communicate to me the titles of works and articles which have remained unnoticed.

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